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MARION COUNTY'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO LOCAL AND PRO SPORTS

5A hopefuls not enough for 4A champs

By ROBERT MARSHALL
Recorder Sports Intern

There was a huge explosion coming from the city's east side last Friday. The sonic boom heard round the community was the collision of two of the best high school football teams in Central Indiana. From the opening kickoff, spectators knew the match between the Fighting Irish of Cathedral and the Golden Knights of Arlington would be a good one. But the night would prove to be the end of the seven-game win streak as the Irish defeated Arlington 28-21.

Cathedral began the game with an onside kick which caused an Arlington mishandle. The Irish eventually scored on the recovery. Cathedral's big play offense proved to be too much for the Knights as receiver as they exploited the talents of standouts A.T. Simpson, Rylan Hainje and quarterback Zach Fox. The Irish flew to a 14-0 lead but Arlington would eventually cut the lead in half with a Derrick Ellis run by half time.

With 6:48 left in the third, the Irish's George Allen broke away for a 30-yard TD, but the Knights easily retaliated as Ellis again came up with a run of his own. Arlington fullback Tony Trotter brought the game to within seven but they would not score thereafter.

Now 7-1, Arlington head coach Richard Harpold believes the team showed heart in the losing effort.

"It's not over, my boys showed a lot of class," said Harpold. "We'll be okay but we've got to beat the big teams."

The heartbreaker left many of Arlington's players in tears. Golden Knight Jeremy Coleman said the loss will be hard to get over, because an undefeated season is no longer a reality.

"It hurts, but we've got to stay positive. I see good things for our future," he said.

Derrick Ellis, who finished the game with 159 rushing yards on 33 carries, assured that the team is not going to let the loss keep them from their ultimate goal.

"If we play hard from kickoff to end we can finish on a positive note and as state champs," Ellis said.

While the Knights must recover quickly for sectional play, the 5-3 Irish, who have now won four straight, seem to have picked up where they



Walker honored at Douglass Open

Local golf great and former Douglass Park President Bill Walker was this year's honoree for the second annual Douglass Open. The award was presented by current Douglass Pro Thaddeus Gray. The annual open was won by Nathaniel Lee, who shot a 67 on the day.

IHSAA sectional pairings

First-round Sectional pairings beginning Friday, Oct. 24, in the 25th Indiana High School Athletic Association football tournament (First team listed is host school unless both agree to switch sites; bye teams play in second round Oct. 31 at winners of first games listed)

CLASS 5A

- = Sectional 1=
 - Gary Wallace vs. Crown Point
 - Valparaiso vs. Merrillville
 - Portage vs. Gary Roosevelt
 - Lake Central vs. E. Chicago< Sectional 2=
- Mishawaka vs. S. Bend Riley
- Michigan City vs. LaPorte
- Chesterton vs. Penn
- Elkhart Central bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 3=
- Ft. Wayne South vs. Ft. Wayne Northrop
- Huntington North vs. Ft. Wayne North
- Homestead vs. Warsaw
- Marion vs. Ft. Wayne Snider< Sectional 4=
- Carmel vs. Indpls N. Central
- Kokomo vs. Anderson
- Anderson Highland vs. Laf. Harrison
- Lafayette Jeff vs. Noblesville< Sectional 5=
- Lawrence North vs. Indpls Arlington
- Lawrence Central vs. Indpls Broad Ripple
- Warren Central vs. Richmond
- Franklin Central vs. Connersville< Sectional 6=
- Decatur Central vs. Indpls Ben Davis
- Southport vs. Indpls Northwest
- Indpls Manual vs. Indpls Pike
- Indpls Perry Meridian vs. Indpls Tech< Sectional 7=
- Terre Haute North vs. Bloomington South
- Terre Haute South vs. Martinsville
- Bedford N. Lawrence vs. Columbus North
- Center Grove bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 8=
- New Albany vs. Ev. Central
- Ev. North vs. Jeffersonville
- Ev. Harrison vs. Castle
- Ev. Reitz bye; at Winner Game 1

CLASS 4A

- =Sectional 9=
- Highland vs. Hammond Clark
- Griffith vs. Munster
- Lowell vs. Hammond Gavitt
- Hammond Morton vs. Hammond< Sectional 10=
- Gary Wirt vs. Kankakee Valley
- Hobart vs. McCutcheon
- Gary West vs. Plymouth
- Logansport bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 11=
- S. Bend Adams vs. Goshen
- Concord vs. Elkhart Memorial

- S. Bend Clay vs. S. Bend Washington
- Wawasee vs. S. Bend LaSalle< Sectional 12=
- Ft. Wayne Dwenger vs. Columbia City
- Ft. Wayne Elmhurst vs. Carroll (Allen)
- DeKalb vs. Belmont
- Ft. Wayne Wayne vs. E. Noble< Sectional 13=
- New Castle vs. Hamilton Southeastern
- Pendleton Hts. vs. Muncie South
- Greenfield vs. Jay Co.
- Muncie Central bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 14=
- S. Dearborn vs. Bloomington North
- Columbus East vs. Seymour
- Madison vs. Shelbyville
- Jennings Co. vs. E. Central< Sectional 15=
- Plainfield vs. Mooresville
- Avon vs. Greenwood
- Brownsburg vs. Franklin
- Indpls Roncalli vs. Indpls Cathedral< Sectional 16=
- Boonville vs. Northview
- Floyd Central vs. Owen Valley
- Vincennes vs. Ev. Bosse
- Jasper bye; at Winner Game 1

CLASS 3A

- =Sectional 17=
- Gary Mann vs. S. Bend St. Joseph's
- Hammond Noll vs. Calumet
- Mishawaka Marian vs. New Prairie
- Andrean vs. Culver Military< Sectional 18=
- Frankfort vs. Crawfordsville
- Benton Central vs. Lebanon
- Zionsville vs. W. Lafayette
- Twin Lakes bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 19=
- W. Noble vs. Tippecanoe Valley
- Lakeland vs. NorthWood
- Angola vs. Whitko
- Northridge bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 20=
- Blackford vs. New Haven
- Norwell vs. Peru
- Mississinewa vs. Ft. Wayne Concordia
- Ft. Wayne Harding vs. Western< Sectional 21=
- Yorktown vs. Rushville
- Elwood vs. Mt. Vernon (Hancock)
- New Palestine vs. Delta
- Whiteland vs. Hamilton Hts.< Sectional 22=
- Clarksville Providence vs. Franklin Co.
- Batesville vs. N. Harrison
- Brown Co. vs. Salem
- Corydon vs. Greensburg< Sectional 23=
- Danville vs. Indpls Brebeuf
- Sullivan vs. Edgewood
- Beech Grove vs. W. Vigo
- S. Vermillion vs. Indpls Chatard< Sectional 24=
- Mt. Vernon (Posey) vs. Tell City
- Princeton vs. Heritage Hills
- Ev. Memorial vs. Pike Central

Gibson Southern vs. Washington

CLASS 2A

- =Sectional 25=
- Winamac vs. Rensselaer
- Glenn vs. N. Judson
- Lake Station vs. N. Newton
- Bremen vs. Knox< Sectional 26=
- Rochester vs. Eastern (Howard)
- Delphi vs. Northwestern
- Maconaquah vs. Cass
- Taylor vs. Tipton< Sectional 27=
- Leo vs. Eastside
- Fairfield vs. Prairie Hts.
- Ft. Wayne Luers vs. Garrett
- Jimtown vs. Woodlan< Sectional 28=
- Southwood vs. Wabash
- Heritage vs. Oak Hill
- Bluffton vs. Eastbrook
- Manchester vs. Madison-Grant< Sectional 29=
- Westfield vs. Winchester
- Centerville vs. Alexandria
- Northeastern vs. Indpls Scecina
- Speedway vs. Eastern Hancock< Sectional 30=
- Triton Central vs. Clarksville
- Union Co. vs. Indian Creek
- Charlestown vs. Lawrenceburg
- Brownstown bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 31=
- S. Putnam vs. N. Montgomery
- Cascade vs. N. Putnam
- Monrovia vs. Western Boone
- Greencastle vs. Southmont< Sectional 32=
- Ev. Mater Dei vs. Mitchell
- N. Knox vs. N. Posey
- S. Spencer vs. Paoli
- Southridge bye; at Winner Game 1<

CLASS A

- = Sectional 33=
- River Forest vs. Triton
- LaVille vs. Whiting
- W. Central vs. Culver
- S. Central (LaPorte) bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 34=
- Pioneer vs. Laf. Catholic
- N. White vs. Frontier
- Tri-County vs. Carroll (Carroll)
- S. Newton vs. Caston< Sectional 35=
- Fremont vs. N. Miami
- Northfield vs. Southern Wells
- Churubusco vs. Central Noble
- Adams Central vs. S. Adams< Sectional 36=
- Wes-Del vs. Lapel
- Hagerstown vs. Cambridge City
- Tri High vs. Shenandoah
- Union City vs. Frankton< Sectional 37=
- Indpls Ritter vs. Tri-West
- Tri-Central vs. Clinton Prairie
- Cloverdale vs. Clinton Central
- Sheridan bye; at Winner Game 1< Sectional 38=
- Indpls Park Tudor vs. N. Decatur
- Indiana Deaf vs. Milan
- Edinburgh vs. S. Decatur
- W. Washington vs. Knightstown< Sectional 39=
- Attica vs. Fountain Central
- Rockville vs. Turkey Run
- Seeger vs. Covington
- Riverton Parke vs. N. Vermillion< Sectional 40=
- Dugger vs. N. Central (Sullivan)
- N. Daviess vs. Perry Central
- Tecumseh vs. Wood Memorial
- Linton vs. Springs Valley

Pacers say Davis not involved in assault in his townhouse

Associated Press

The Indiana Pacers said they're confident that forward Dale Davis was not involved in an assault on a woman at an Orlando, Fla., townhouse where he stayed during the team's training camp.

Florida authorities, however, questioned whether the player was cooperating fully with investigators. An Orlando woman suffered a severely broken jaw when she was attacked at Davis's apartment while the Pacers were training at the Walt Disney Institute.

Shala Miller, 19, was among about six people at the townhouse when she was attacked early Wednesday, police said.

She was struck after she took issue with a remark a man made about another woman in the group, said Commander Steve Jones of the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Police said it appeared that no team members were involved in the incident.

"Our investigators talked to Dale Davis, and he apparently—even though he was in the same (apartment)—didn't hear any of this, which we find difficult to understand because there was blood all over the kitchen and the female was taken to the hospital in an ambulance."

Miller was released Thursday from the hospital.

Another Pacers player, Rik Smits, heard the fight from his apartment next door, investigators said.

Pacers officials cooperated with police, Jones said. However, "The investigators didn't think very highly of Mr. Davis's cooperation."

"They said he was smiling like he didn't care. Usually, if you have somebody around who's that seriously hurt, you would show some kind of concern," Jones said.

Police were still looking for the attacker, identified by the woman only as "Tyrone."

Davis declined to comment on the incident.

Pacers spokesman David Benner, asked to respond to Jones' comments, said Friday, "We're not going to comment on that because the investigation is still going on. But we're comfortable that Dale was not involved in the incident."

Pacers President Donnie Walsh said he had no indication that Davis was guilty of any wrongdoing.

Pacers coach Larry Bird said the matter remained under investigation.

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left off last season. Irish head coach Rick Streiff said a win of this magnitude puts them in prime contention for the upcoming sectionals.

"This win puts us in the right direction and maybe we can get some

momentum going," he said.

Because of the class system, the two teams will not collide again until next season, Arlington being 5A and Cathedral being 4A. In sectional action, Arlington will face a tough adversary in Lawrence North in Sectional 5. Cathedral will be up against Roncalli in Sectional 15.

Pacers look to run right into playoffs

By JAMES M. KEOUGH JR.
Sports Writer

Larry Bird vowed when he took over as head coach of the Indiana Pacers that he would accomplish something that illuded former head coach Larry Brown.

Sure, Brown helped the Pacers reach the brink of the National Basketball Association Finals.

He helped the Pacers finally conquer the mighty New York Knicks.

He also helped add several winning chapters to the Indiana Pacers NBA story.

But he was unable to transform this group into a running team.

The rough n' tough Pacers a running team?

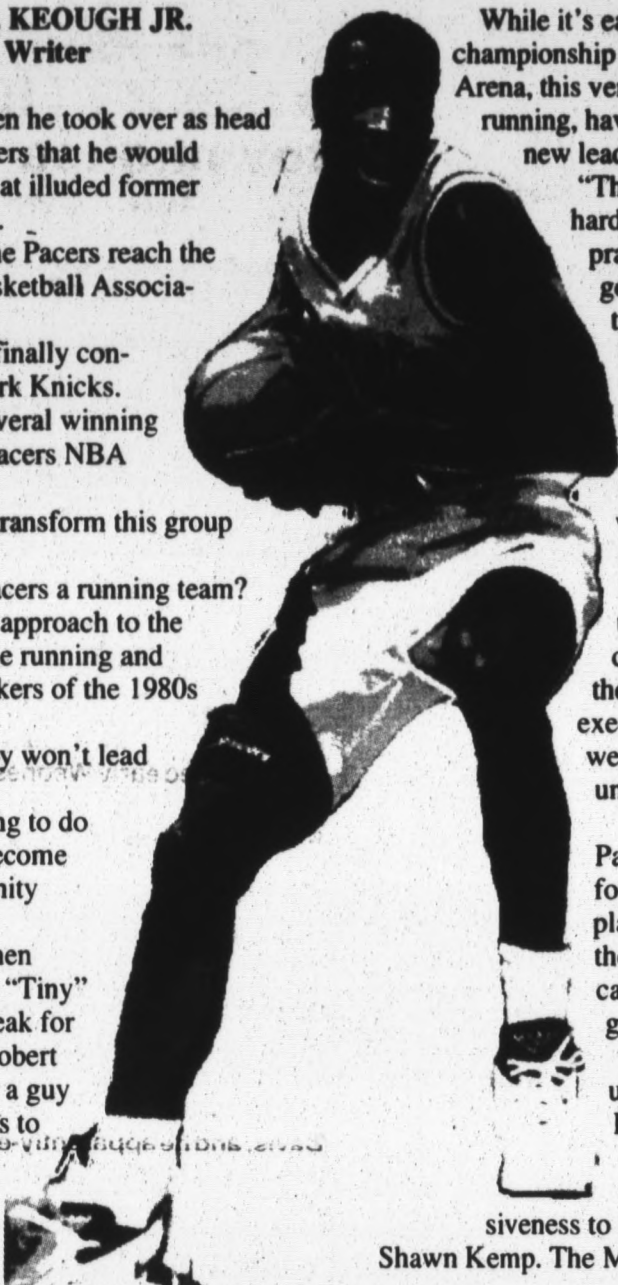
Well, the "showtime" approach to the game immortalized by the running and gunning Los Angeles Lakers of the 1980s is safe.

And this team probably won't lead the League in scoring.

But if Bird has anything to do with it, the Pacers will become *racers* when the opportunity presents itself.

Much like the days when Quinn Buckner and Nate "Tiny" Archibald ran the fast break for the Boston Celtics and Robert Parish, Kevin McHale or a guy named Bird filled to lanes to convert layups or dunks.

The stuff championships were made of.



While it's early to make room for another championship banner in Market Square Arena, this version of the Pacers appears to be running, having fun and adjusting well to new leadership.

"The guys have worked very hard. We have had some long practices and we have been going twice a day. The conditioning is coming but we don't have a team that is going to just run up and down the court. Every opportunity we get to run, we just want to take advantage of it. I feel we have to get easy baskets," said Bird. "The effort has been there. The guys sometimes get a little mentally drained, but we keep pushing them and tell them (their execution) is not satisfactory and we do it again. We will do things until they are right."

It will be important for the Pacers to return to winning form after failing to make the playoffs last season. The rest of the Eastern Conference, specifically the Central Division, has gotten better.

The Bulls landed the unproven but talented Scott Burrell.

The Cleveland Cavaliers added much-needed explosiveness to their lineup by trading for Shawn Kemp. The Milwaukee Bucks, by virtue of

the same trade, now have Terrell Brandon and Tyrone Hill. The Atlanta Hawks and Detroit Pistons both strengthened their benches by adding key free agents.

While the Pacers added Mark West via free agency and Chris Mullin via trade, the nucleus of this team has remained in tact.

According to Bird, this core group has been providing the leadership that Brown felt was absent.

"(The veteran leadership) has been excellent. Mark Jackson and Reggie Miller have been fantastic. Dale Davis has been there. The addition of Mark West and Chris Mullin, the older guys, they know what's going on and they've been helpful," added Bird.

According to Davis, while conditioning has been the focus camp has also represented an intense learning experience.

"We stay on the move a lot. We do a lot of running. We are really working on our conditioning along with different offenses. We do a lot of drills which I think can help us in the long run. Our game plan is to run the ball and that's the mind set we need to have as we approach every game," said Davis.

One of the players most positively impacted by the Pacers new fast-break mentality has been Travis Best. Best, who never appeared comfortable running within the structure of Brown's offense, is now enjoying himself.

"Everybody is playing well. Everybody is playing hard. We are getting better every day. People are enthusiastic. For some reason, I think, everybody is just having a lot more fun with this training camp," said Best. "There has definitely been more conditioning. More up-and-down the floor. This style has really been helping me out a lot."

Colts make losing look too easy

By JAMES M. KEOUGH JR.
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The Indianapolis Colts now have the look of a losing organization.

In addition to the inept play that is being exhibited on the playing field, the Colts now exhibit the trait characteristic of losers.

A fear of success.

Teams like the San Francisco 49ers, Denver Broncos and Dallas Cowboys expect to win.

It doesn't matter who these teams are playing or what the circumstances are.

Winning is the ultimate expectation.

But when you are losing, the mind can play tricks on you.

Particularly when you haven't won a game and there doesn't appear to be any relief in sight.

Winning starts at the top. Everybody has a job to do.

The owner has the responsibility to build a winning management team that is dedicated to success regardless of the cost. The general manager or president has the responsibility to build and retain a pool of talent that is capable of achiev-

ing and maintaining a high level of competitiveness.

The Colts assemble and develop talent only to have it run out the front door due to free agency.

Sure, every team in the National Football League gets hit by free agency. But keep *some* of your talent on the roster.

The Colts were one of the deepest teams defensively last season. But good backups don't always make good starters.

The Colts are living this reality first hand.

It is a fact that the players on the field are not getting the job done.

But it is also a fact the people in the front office of this organization have not done theirs either.

The Colts returned to Pittsburgh last weekend to face the Steelers. Ironically, the Colts almost achieved the unthinkable in 1995 by coming within inches of beating the Steelers in the American Football Conference Championship and earning a trip to the Super Bowl. On this same field last Sunday night, this same team came within inches of winning back a little self respect.

After recovering a fumble deep in Pittsburgh territory late in the game, the Colts drove the ball to within field goal range only to miss it.

They put it on the line and came up short.

As the season progresses the stakes get higher. As the stakes get higher life in the NFL becomes even more competitive.

The upcoming Monday night home game against the Buffalo Bills would seem an unlikely opponent to fall to the Colts. The Bills pass rush, headed by Bruce Smith and Bryce Paup, is sure to

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deliver damaging blows to Jim Harbaugh and the Colts offense.

But due to knowledge of the opponent and intensity of the rivalry-regardless of won-loss records or venue-this may be this team's best chance for its' first victory of the season.

With the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Green Bay Packers and Miami Dolphins looming on the upcoming schedule, the window of opportunity is slowly closing.



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